

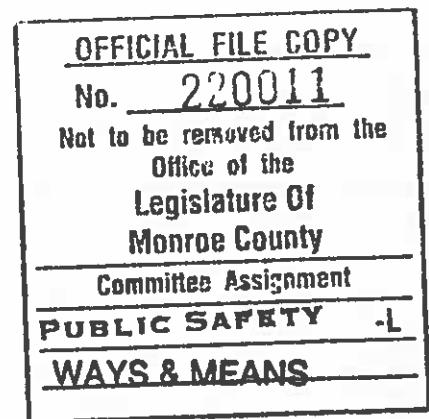


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

January 7, 2022



To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the Swift, Certain and Fair Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$700,000 for the Swift, Certain, and Fair ("SCF") Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

The SCF Supervision Program, modeled after Hawaii's Project HOPE was implemented in 2016 under the New York State Supreme Court Gun Court to focus on reducing recidivism of firearm offenders. The program involves several partners and has been evaluated by the Center for Public Safety Initiatives at Rochester Institute of Technology. This expansion program will address some of the limitations found in this evaluation, and expand the scope of the program to assist more Probationers in their reentry, using the principles of swiftness, certainty, and fairness.

The SCF Supervision program is a collaborative effort between the Monroe County Office of Probation, the District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office. The goal of the SCF program is to provide an opportunity for community supervision for 18-26 year olds who have committed crimes in the City of Rochester, specifically those in the areas of the community impacted greatest by criminality. Community supervision will afford these young people the opportunity to break a cycle of incarceration in a manner consistent with the tenets of Procedural Justice and will allow a greater number of young people to realize this program benefit. This is the first year of the expansion program.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$700,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the Swift, Certain and Fair Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Monroe County Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation - Community Corrections, by appropriating the sum of \$700,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 2403050000, Central Services Division.

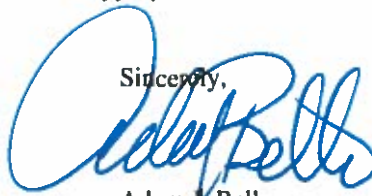
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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